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*“Repent . . . and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you; Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”—Acts 3: 19-21*

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## THIS WEEK'S COVER—

An unusual photograph of the southernmost Latter-day Saint temple in the United States taken January 21, and showing the Mesa Temple enframed by snow covered shrubs, appears on this week's cover. Never before, as far back, at least, as any inhabitant can remember, has a similar amount of snow fallen in Mesa, Arizona, whose location is considerably further south than the southernmost point of Italy or Spain.

The Mesa Temple is one of the seven temples where Latter-day Saints perform sacred ordinances pertaining to the Gospel. Another view of the Mesa Temple appeared on the *Star* cover, February 18.

# IN THE DAY OF PREPARATION

By ELDER A. WILLIAM LUND

*Assistant Church Historian.*

“PREPARE ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”—Isaiah 40: 3

One of the outstanding events that is to occur is the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to rule upon the earth. All Christian people have looked forward and are now looking forward to this time for the full consummation of their hopes. It is the period when the righteous shall receive their reward. It is the time of the resurrection of the righteous dead. It is the day when sin and sorrow shall cease and peace shall reign.

Before any great event has taken place God has always sent servants endowed with authority to prepare the way. Before our Redeemer was born into the world this fact was foretold by the prophets. Before his entrance upon His life's mission John the Baptist was sent as a forerunner saying:

Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.—Matthew 3: 2-3

It is not reasonable to suppose that our Saviour will return to this earth to rule and reign without preparing the way beforehand. Some may ask “What will be the nature of this preparation?” It can be no other preparation than that of restoring to the earth His Church complete with all its authorities, doctrines, offices and officers. Again, an event of such great moment will

most likely be the subject of prophecy among the ancient prophets. This we find to be the case. Job, the Psalmist, Isaiah, Daniel, Joel, Zechariah, Malachi, the apostles and our Master Himself all spoke of this preparation in the latter days before the coming of our Lord. Daniel speaks of the establishment, in the latter days, of God's kingdom in these words:

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.—Daniel 2: 44

That Daniel did not refer to the establishment of the Kingdom by the Saviour when He was on the earth is proven by the words of our Lord, who said:

“Therefore say I unto you, The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits

## His Coming

The Church of Jesus Christ to-day is preparing men to receive Him who shall come in like manner as the men of Galilee saw Him go into heaven. (Acts 1: 11)

The day of the Lord's second coming is near at hand. “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh,” lest ye be caught unawares when He comes, as were the five foolish virgins, and thus forfeit thy claim to eternal life. This is St. Matthew's exhortation.

“He that seeketh me early shall find me, and shall not be forsaken.”—Doctrine and Covenants 88: 83

thereof." (Matthew 21: 43)

Daniel states that the kingdom which God will establish in the latter days will never be thrown down or given to other people, while our Lord distinctly points out that the kingdom then established should be given to another people or nation.

The parable of the Marriage Supper has no reference to the first advent of our Lord but to the day of His second coming. It contains the promise that God would send his servant "at supper time" or in other words that in the last days He would again commission men with power to invite people to enter His Church through the proper door. Also this parable shows that a place would be appointed where God's children should be gathered and receive instructions and blessings of the Gospel. This place of gathering has been definitely located by prophecy of Micah.

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
—Micah 4: 1-2

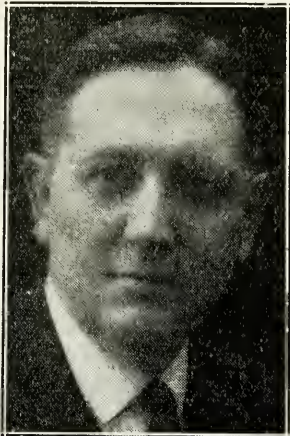
The Saviour also made a significant statement concerning conditions that would prevail at the time of His second coming.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24: 37)

This statement has reference not only to the fact that great wickedness should be rampant but also that a servant endowed with divine authority should be sent, as was Noah, to preach the Gospel and call the people to repentance.

When our Lord established His Church and Kingdom upon the earth He organized it by calling

apostles, prophets, seventy and other officers and giving them the authority requisite to preach the Gospel and administer the ordinances thereof to mankind. Naturally when the Church and Kingdom is set up in the latter days it will contain the same officers as the one of former days.



**A. William Lund**

In 1928 it became necessary to operate the European and British Missions separately. From the time the Gospel was first brought to Britain in 1837, the two missions had been presided over by one president. Chosen to be the first to preside over the British Mission was Elder Lund, then assistant Church historian, the position which he holds to-day. He served as president of the Mission, whose headquarters were then in Birmingham, from 1929 to 1932, when he was succeeded by President James A. Douglas. As a youth, Elder Lund laboured as a traveling missionary in Great Britain from 1906 to 1908. The two years were spent in the Newcastle Conference.

John the Revelator, while upon the Isle of Patmos, was shown in vision just how this restoration of authority was to be done.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred and tongue and people.

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come; and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.—Revelation 14: 6-7

This prophetic vision clearly shows that the Gospel would not be upon the earth, in the latter days and that an angel would be sent to restore it. Also would it be of any value to man to have an angel declare that the Gospel was restored unless men should be called and endowed with authority to perform the saving ordinances of the same? Therefore we are led to believe that when this time of preparation comes angels will come from heaven bringing the necessary authority to preach the Gospel and perform the saving ordinances belonging thereto.

Now the question arises "Have angels come to men bringing the Gospel and this authority necessary to save mankind?" If asked to answer this question most of the churches would say, "That there is no need of an angel coming; that we have the gospel in the New Testament; we have the kingdom of God within us; the everlasting gospel and kingdom have been on earth since the first advent; that we have authorized ministers; and that there is no need of God setting up His kingdom on the earth when it is already here." This answer would lead one to believe that the prophets of God were mistaken in this matter, but I testify to you that they were not mistaken; that angels have come and brought again the truth to the earth in its fulness and that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is this kingdom spoken of by the prophets.

**W**here outside of the Latter-day Saint Church will you find people who believe it is necessary for angels to come? If the angel spoken of by John has not come, then the Gospel is not upon the earth and this angel must yet come. Would you believe any one who came bearing witness that heavenly beings had come to him with this message more readily than you have believed Joseph Smith who has made this declaration to all the world?

In the year 1820 there was an unusual excitement over religion in Western New York state. All the various sects were affected by it. The people were deeply moved by the different meanings placed upon the same passages of scripture by the several ministers. Among those so confused was a young man named Joseph Smith. He desired with all his heart to know the truth. One day, while reading the Bible, he read from the Epistle of James the following words, "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." This passage of scripture came with great power to this young man, who determined to "ask of God," which of all the sects were right. Accordingly he went into a grove, near his home, and knelt in humble prayer. While thus engaged in prayer he was seized by the power of the Evil One and was nearly overcome when

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## FOUR-SCORE YEARS OF DEVOTION

By Elder Parry D. Sorensen

ON a summer's day in 1879, two young Mormon missionaries labouring in the Southern States Mission set out on foot for the city of Rome, Georgia, where a conference of elders was to be held. Their names were Ruderger Clawson, who was 22 years of age, and Joseph Standing, four years his senior.

On their way, the missionaries planned to call on some Church members living in Varnell's Station, Whitfield County. Elder Standing had previously laboured in that section and had organized a branch there. Reaching their destination in the evening, they called at the home of a member and found the family in a state of great excitement, due to the threats which had been made in that section against the elders. They did not remain for the night with the family, but went to the nearby home of Mr. Henry Holston, a friend of the Church, and there spent the night.

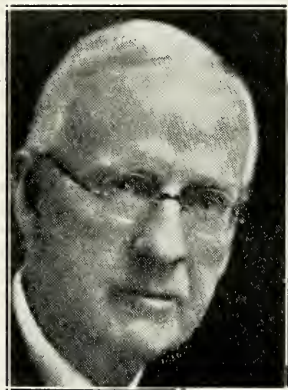
The following morning, which was Sunday, the two missionaries set out from Mr. Holston's to obtain the satchels they had left at the member's home the previous evening. This done, they set about to return to the Holston home. The road between the two homes was flanked on either side by dense woods. As they turned a bend in the road, the young elders were confronted by a mob of twelve men, some on horseback, some on foot. All were armed. Upon catching sight of the youths, the mobocrats unitedly began to emit fiendish yells and descended upon them like a pack of hungry wolves.

"By what authority are we molested upon a public highway?" Joseph Standing enquired of the mob as they came within hearing distance. "If you have a warrant of arrest or any other legal process to serve upon us we would like to examine it that we may be satisfied as to your authority to interfere with our movements."

"We'll show you by what authority we act," came the rejoinder from several of the mob.

One of the men jumped from his horse and, with cocked revolver in hand came towards Elder Clawson. Brandishing the weapon in the young man's face, he threatened him with vile and blasphemous epithets.

Presently the elders were given orders to follow the mobbers and as they walked along, Elder Clawson was attacked twice by one of the ruffians, who hit him over the head with a club. They were led to a clearing in the wood, where Elder Standing



President Clawson

*Active and vigorous  
at eighty.*

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## A MORE PERFECT FAITH

*By Dr. Calvin S. Smith*

“**C**OME unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest,” said the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Christian way of life; the acceptance of the Christian values of life offers a haven of refuge, a sense of security; a peace of mind and a willingness to accept what life has in store that brings a sense of restfulness to all who accept it.

Envy of what my neighbour has, distrust of my neighbour's motives, fear of being cheated and imposed upon, thwarted desires and ambitions, disappointment with what life brings, are largely attitudes of mind that cause our unhappiness. Most of our trouble lies not in what the world does to us nor in how the world treats us, but in how we take it or react to it.

Christ has told us that God is a kind Father, that men are brothers, that God is good and that there is something of good in the lowliest and most humble of God's creatures. “How can a man love God whom he hath not seen, if he love not his neighbour whom he hath seen.” The Christian way of life is the way of the good neighbour, the good Samaritan who rescues the robbed and the beaten or of the good shepherd who goes out into the dark night to rescue the lost sheep. It is the way of trustfulness, of friendliness, of service. It is the finding of the good in one's fellows.

The maledictions of Christ are not for the sinner and the repentant, the humble, truthful, god-fearing, but for the boastful, the vain-glorious, the proud, the envious, the wilful evil speakers and doers.

If we would have peace of mind, a sense of security, if we would enjoy life to its fullest degree, we must have faith in a power that makes for righteousness, that rewards right life and right attitudes and we must live the good life, the Christian life.

If we have faith in God's goodness, if we can accept our lot with humility, meekness, and thankfulness, if we can earnestly seek righteousness, if we can return good for evil, if we can see the good in our neighbour, how much easier and happier our lot in life would be.

If we can forego pleasure with fortitude, if we can find the disciplining values that are in trouble, privation, sorrow, if we can find joy in doing good, in service, life will be happier and more valuable to ourselves and to others. We would be of value to others and hence we should have a sense of being needed, of being of more value.

The satisfaction of appetites is a false goal. He who pursues pleasure pursues a phantom. He grasps the pleasure, he is satiated with it, but the appetite is whetted for more and it takes more to satisfy it, until at length nothing satisfies the appetite and frustration and dissatisfaction results till one is

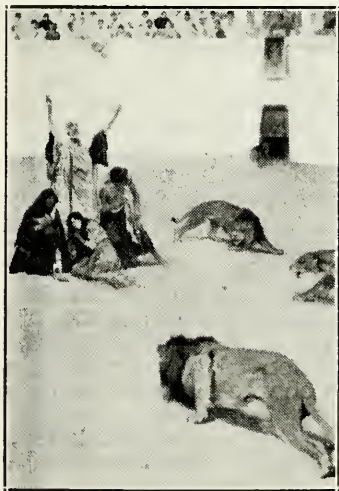


unhappy and miserable. Trace the steps in the path to the degradation of the drunkard for an example.

The mind, the emotions, the appetites form a triad in man's life. If the appetites dominate man's life, a man does not have a fulness of life, he is a slave to his appetite.

If he cannot gratify his appetite he is unhappy. If a man's emotions (fears, jealousy, envy, anger) dominate and control, there is not a richness and fulness of life. Appetites, attitudes and emotions under the sway and influences of reason and faith in God, the Triumph of the good over evil are essential to the full and abundant life.

How can one live the life of a sheep among wolves, of a Christian among barbarians? The early saints have taught us. Each individual cultivated the attitude of humility, of non-resistance. Each developed the spirit of good will. Christians were martyrs in their devotion to their ideals, and in spite of persecution, of hatreds which burned thousands, threw other thousands to wild beasts and drove thousands into the catacombs, Christianity spread and grew until it grew powerful. Only then did it lose its soul and its meaning, namely that good-will triumphs not by force and the sword, but in devotion to the good, in doing good for evil at all costs, in non-resistance.



**Early Christian Martyrs**

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*"Christians were martyrs in their devotion."*

The Christian subject to the most severe persecution was at peace with himself, he was secure in his salvation, he found satisfaction in willing acceptance of Christ's way of life, he could rejoice and find joy, as did Paul, in persecution.

A more perfect faith in a just, kind fatherly God, a more perfect faith in the ultimate triumph of justice and righteousness; a more perfect faith in the value of each human soul, a willingness to accept the inevitable trouble that comes to us with meekness and fortitude; a more active good will and more good fellowship would bring peace to our minds, joy to

our souls, and security in our happiness.

Such are the teachings of the Master. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ enables its adherents to live more in accordance with these teachings and thus partake of the attendant blessings. His Gospel has been revealed once again in all its fulness through the Prophet Joseph Smith. Almost a million members in all parts of the world testify to this fact and to the Divinity of this restored Gospel.

## THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1937

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### EDITORIAL

#### RUDGER CLAWSON

On the 12th day of March of this year Rudger Clawson, President of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, will be eighty years old. Here is a man of such outstanding, Fiends with Levelled Guns such unbounded courage, that even in the days of his youth when his missionary companion had been shot to death by a mob, Rudger Clawson had the daring to stand over the still warm body of his friend and shout "Shoot!" as he looked with a steady gaze into the barrels of the loaded guns which, levelled on him, were waiting for the signal to fire. A dozen fiends in men's clothing composed that mob which sought his life. Perhaps it was the power of God and perhaps it was the undaunted courage of Rudger Clawson which caused these blood-thirsty law breakers to lower their guns and spare his life.

Men do not gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles. The tree is judged by its fruit. A good tree bringeth forth good fruit. Since President Clawson was produced by the Church, having been born and reared in it, and having devoted much of his life to its service, an examination of his accomplishments will indicate something of the character, the teachings and the practices of the Church.

Rudger Clawson had a fondness for study, even in his boyhood, and devoted himself faithfully to his school work. He had the good fortune to have as teachers two great Latter-day Saint educators, Dr. John R. Park and Dr. Karl G. Maeser, who placed upon him the Stamp of Accuracy and Scholarship stamp of accuracy and scholarship. His utterances, even on the printed page, when given a critical examination, are another evidence of the keenness of his intellect, the thoroughness of his scholastic training and the accuracy with which he does his thinking. He has a clear vision and an orderly mind. His words are chosen with care and correctness.

As President of the Council of the Twelve, he keeps matters of business well in hand, all details are carefully followed up and promptly taken care of. Under his supervision the many ordinations which have to be performed in the one hundred and eighteen stakes and other official business of the Church are attended to with promptness and efficiency.

When in his official position, President Clawson assigns to the members of the Council the journeys they are to take and the work they are to perform, he asks no member to go further or to do more than does he himself.

Another notable characteristic is his sense of humour. He comes from a family of born humourists. At story telling he is a master. There is no uncertainty concerning the "point" in any joke or story he relates. This makes him a most interesting companion and conversationalist.

President Clawson is kind and gentle. He is genial and approachable. He is a fast and faithful friend. His administration, as President of the Council of the Twelve, has been one of gentleness, love and affection. **Rules by the Law of Love** "Only by persuasion, by long suffering, by gentleness and meekness and by love unfeigned" has he led members of this Council and directed them in their work. He has "charity towards all men." The Holy Ghost is his "constant companion." Without "compulsory means" he accomplishes his desires. He rules by affection. No one ever saw President Clawson lose control of his temper or his tongue. His words are always guarded, his feelings are always under control, and because of his ability to control himself, he has the outstanding ability to lead and control others. He is always tolerant, he is never radical. His discipline is never harsh, his voice is never loud in unkindness. Yet is firm to the point of being well-nigh immoveable from his convictions.

While naturally and always exhibiting deeply religious convictions this good man is genial. He is approachable. He is always humble. He is ever kind. Where it is necessary to correct or chastise he does this without giving offence. **Can Correct Without Offence** He guards carefully the feelings of others. He knows and for his friends he has true friendship.

For him the Members of the Council of the Twelve stand ready to render gladly any service. They seek opportunities to do him the honour his gentleness and affectionate leadership so much deserve.

This Church leader enjoys those rights of the Priesthood which are "inseparably connected with the powers of heaven," powers which he uses only "upon the principles of righteousness." Here is a man who does not "exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon the souls of the children of men in any degree of unrighteousness." He has never "exercised unrighteous dominion" in the slightest degree.

Back of all his quietness and gentleness and modesty there is a courage and a determination few men possess. Of him it has been said that for principle, especially **His Courage and Determination** for his religious convictions, this man's body could be torn apart joint by joint and he would never whimper. Here is a man made of that material of which martyrs are composed. He could go to the stake without the quiver of an eyelash.

President Ruder Clawson is every inch a man. And now since this tree, the Church of Jesus Christ has brought forth this good fruit, surely the tree itself is a good tree.

—RICHARD R. LYMAN

## FOUR-SCORE YEARS OF DEVOTION

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was allowed to slake his thirst at a spring of water. After a desultory conversation of about one hour, three horsemen, who had previously left the party, came riding up, and one of them gave the command, "Follow us."

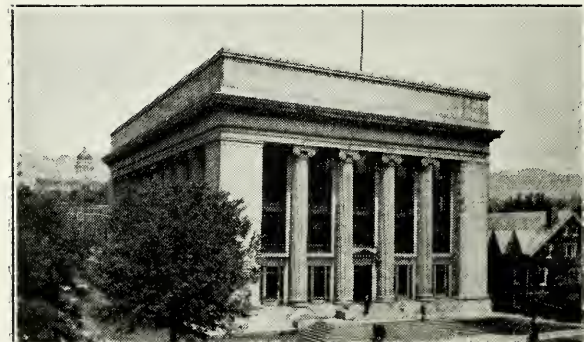
Elder Standing was sitting with his back to the horsemen, and as the command was uttered, he jumped to his feet, wheeled about to face them, clapped his hands together, and exclaimed "Surrender!" A man sitting close to him took deliberate aim and fired his pistol. The bullet struck him in the forehead and he fell to the ground, mortally wounded.

"Shoot that man," came the almost instantaneous order from one of the mob, pointing to Elder Clawson. In a flash every muzzle was levelled upon him, and as the murderous wretches paused, the youth folded his arms and calmly uttered "Shoot!"

After what seemed the suspense of a lifetime, the mobocrat

who had previously given the order to murder the youth countermanded it and shouted, "Don't shoot."

Thereafter a multitude of events followed in short order. Elder Clawson took care of his dying companion, and in the face of the armed mob, sought aid at Mr. Holston's, and arranged



The Church Office Building, Salt Lake City

Here President Clawson presides over the Council of the Twelve.

for a coroner's inquest. As he went about these duties, he met three of the armed mobsters, fleeing from the scene of the crime.

More than a year later, Elder Clawson went back to the State of Georgia to testify in the murder trial of three members of the mob who had been indicted for the murder. He did this unflinchingly in spite of threats of violence which had been made against him.

The details of this touching tragedy of missionary endeavours still remain vividly in the memory of Elder Rudger Clawson, now president of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, which position he has held since November, 1918. On March 12 he will reach the age of eighty, the same age as the man whom he succeeded as president of the Council of the Twelve, President Heber J. Grant, who attained the four-score mark last November.

President Clawson's life has been filled with active Church

duty. Born in Salt Lake City in 1857, he has known the struggles of Pioneer life. He experienced much of the persecution heaped upon the Church in early days. While he was presiding over the European Mission from 1910 to 1913 he experienced many bitter occasions. One was when a mob of almost two thousand followed him through the streets of Bristol, shouting and hooting derisively.

For eleven years (1887-98) President Clawson presided over the Box Elder Stake of Zion and while holding that position was called to the apostleship. In 1901 he was sustained as second counsellor to President Lorenzo Snow in the First Presidency of the Church.

Mentally alert, physically vigorous and in remarkable health, President Clawson in his eightieth year still discharges his duties at the head of the Council of Twelve with the dispatch of a man twenty or thirty years his junior. He is equally loved and respected by members and non-members alike.

A key to President Clawson's remarkable testimony of the Gospel and his unrelenting devotion to the Cause during dark days and bright, during persecution and peace, may be found in his opinion of the Book of Mormon. Almost forty years ago, he said of this Divinely inspired book: "Early in my life I became deeply interested in the Book of Mormon, which I read and re-read, and drew from its divine pages inspiration and hope. Faith sprang up in my heart. By a careful study of that glorious book, well defined ideas of right and wrong were firmly fixed in my youthful mind, and I was thus measurably able to withstand the temptations that assailed me and was able to escape many of the sins and follies to which some of the young are addicted. With advanced years, the conviction has constantly grown upon me that the Book of Mormon is one of the grandest books of the age."

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### GAHAZI'S LAMENT

*By Bess Samuel Ayres*

I tried to heal the Shunammite;  
I held my staff in vain;  
My lies, my greed for worldly goods,  
Brought old Elisha pain.  
I coveted the kingly robes,  
The gold of Naaman's hands;  
I wove the lie of prophet's sons,  
And ran across the sands.  
And now I wear this tarnished robe  
Amid these hills and stones.  
And live among the leper tribe,  
With bleached and dying bones.  
I might have worn Elisha's cloak,  
As prophet, healer, seer,  
Instead, I chose this gaudy coat,—  
And now I perish here.

## IN THE DAY OF PREPARATION

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suddenly a light descended and enveloped him. At once the power of darkness was dispelled. In the light the young man saw two Personages and one of them pointing to the other said, "This is My Beloved Son, Hear Him." The Personage thus addressed spoke to Joseph Smith and told him to join none of the sects as they were preaching for doctrine the commandments of men and their creeds were not true having only a form of Godliness but not the power thereof. Many other instructions were given this young man. Later an angel of God came to him and explained further concerning his call and his mission.

**W**hen Joseph Smith told the ministers and people concerning his vision and calling he was reviled and ridiculed. He could not understand why he, a young man, should be so treated when he told only the truth. Here let me quote his own words as follows:

However, it was nevertheless a fact that I had beheld a vision. I have thought since that I felt much like Paul, when he made his defence before King Agrippa, and related the account of the vision he had when he saw a light, and heard a voice, but still there were but few who believed him; some said he was dishonest, others said he was mad; and he was ridiculed and reviled. But all this did not destroy the reality of his vision. He had seen a vision, he knew he had, and all the persecution under heaven could not make it otherwise; and though they should persecute him unto death, yet he knew, and would know to his latest breath, that he had both seen a light and heard a voice speaking unto him, and all the world could not make him think or believe otherwise.

So it was with me, I had actually seen a light, and in the midst of that light I saw two Personages, and they did in reality speak to me; and though I was hated and persecuted for saying that I had seen a vision, yet it was true; and while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying, I was led to say in my heart; Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision; and who am I that I can withstand God, or why does the world think to make me deny what I have actually seen? For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it; at least I knew that by so doing I would offend God, and come under condemnation.

The message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is one of warning to mankind that all may have an opportunity to obey the Gospel and partake of Eternal Life. It declares fearlessly that God lives and is a personal Being, and is our Father; that Jesus Christ is the actual Son of God, both in the spirit and in the flesh; that He is our Redeemer and Saviour; that the only way to gain exaltation is by obedience to all the principles and ordinances of the Gospel; that Joseph Smith was the man chosen and ordained of God to restore, to this earth, the Gospel in its fulness and to restore the holy Priesthood which is the authority to act in the name of our Father and which is the power to build up His kingdom. This Priesthood was bestowed upon Joseph Smith by Peter, James and John, who held the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood and are resurrected. Joseph Smith later conferred this Priesthood upon others.

In conclusion I bear my humble witness that these things are true and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation.

### AMONG THE ARRIVALS

**T**WIN brothers, whose father is a native of Yorkshire, were among the ten elders who arrived Wednesday, March 3, on the s.s. *Manhattan* to begin two year missions in Great Britain. They are Elders Walter D. and William G. Woffinden, of Garland, Utah. Their father, Elder Horace D. Woffinden, left England in 1892, when nine years old, in company with his parents, who had been converted to the Church a short while previous. Their maternal grandparents were also English converts to the Church. The two Elders were assigned to labour in Birmingham District.



Woffinden Twins

*Walter, left and William*

Another arriving in the group, also assigned to Birmingham District, is Elder King E. Beagley, of Vallejo, California, a convert to the Church. Now a retired officer of the United States Navy, Elder Beagley accepted a call to serve on a mission and spend two years in bringing the Gospel message to the people in the British Mission.

Others included in the recent arrivals are Elders Coe R. Larkin (Snowville, Utah), Ross S. Layton (Clearfield, Utah), W. Burt Buxton (Salt Lake City) and Owen L. Brough (Tremonton, Utah), all assigned to Irish District and Elders M. Warner Murphy and Burns L. Dunford (Salt Lake City) and George S. Walker (Pocatello, Idaho), were all assigned to Birmingham District.

### MANCHESTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE

With almost 300 in attendance at the evening session, half of whom were non-members, Manchester District conference was held Sunday, March 7th, in the Rochdale Branch Chapel.

Evening session speakers, conducted by District President William Gregson, were President Joseph J. Cannon, Supervising Elder Vernon A. Cooley and President Gregson. Musical numbers were furnished by the Rochdale Gleaner Girls' Chorus and the Rochdale missionary quartette, composed of Elders Cooley, Woodrow D. Marriott, Blaine D. Fisher and Ellis E. Craig.

Brother B. W. T. Norman, first

counsellor in the District Presidency, conducted the afternoon meeting, at which speakers were Elders Marriott, Fisher and Craig, Sister Laura Dimler, lady missionary, and President Cannon.

Elders LeRoy B. Shousen, Russell S. Marriott, Charles William Hailes, Sister Sarah Elvera Campbell and President Cannon spoke at the morning session, conducted by Brother Frank Kelsh, second counsellor in the District Presidency.

Hull District conference will be held Sunday, March 14th, in Hull Branch Chapel, Wellington Lane, Hull. Liverpool District conference will follow on March 21st.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**"TRIUMPH OF THE WEST,"** sculptural companion piece to "The Tragedy of Winter Quarters," will be unveiled on the



**Monument**  
Will be  
unveiled

the Salt Lake City Temple Square on Pioneer Day, July 24th. The bronze sculpture is being done in heroic size by Elder Avard Fairbanks, professor of sculpture at the University of Michigan. It represents a Pioneer couple with their children and the abundant fruits of their labours, after having settled in the west

for a few years. President Heber J. Grant commissioned Elder Fairbanks to do the sculpture when the "Tragedy of Winter Quarters" was unveiled at Florence, Nebraska, last autumn.

**AFTER** visiting in California for one month, President Heber J. Grant recently returned to his offices in Salt Lake City. While in California, President Grant dedicated two new chapels and attended the quarterly conferences of two stakes. In San Diego, he met with the directors of the chamber of commerce of that city and spoke to them briefly.

**WELSH** residents of Salt Lake City and Utah held their annual social in honour of St. David on Monday, March 1st, with Elder John James, president of the Cambrian Association of Salt Lake City, in charge of the arrangements. Toastmaster at the affair was Dr. George Thomas, president of the University of Utah, and principal speaker was Elder Frank Evans, prominent attorney.

**NEWEST STAKE** in the Church, Chicago Stake, will soon have its own tabernacle, it was announced from its headquarters recently. The Chicago Stake, created November 29th, 1936, is the one hundred and eighteenth to be established. They are located from New York on the east to Hawaii in the west and from

Canada on the north to Mexico in the south.

**CUNARD-WHITE STAR LINES** plan to sponsor a personal tour for Church members who wish to visit Britain this summer for the Church Centennial in July. Mr. Harold De Golia, official of the company, recently visited Salt Lake City to make arrangements for the tour. The party will sail from Montreal on July 9th, and land at Glasgow.

**RECENTLY** acquired by the Church was the site of the old Nauvoo Temple, in Nauvoo, Illinois, headquarters of the Church in early days. Cornerstones of the structure were laid April 6th, 1841, and construction was under the direction of the Prophet Joseph Smith until his martyrdom in Carthage jail in 1844. President Brigham Young, who succeeded to the Presidency, laid the capstone May 24th.



**Nauvoo Temple**  
Site acquired

1845. Shortly after the completion of the Temple, the saints were driven from their homes in the Illinois city, and began their exodus to Utah. Following their departure, the Temple fell into the hands of hostile mobs and was set afire. Shortly thereafter a tornado swept through the city and razed the blackened walls. Included on the Temple site is the well from which water was obtained to fill the baptismal font in the Temple.

**SPEAKER** before the London and Home Counties Branch Committee of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors at its meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, will be President Richard R. Lyman. His subject will be "Naming and Numbering of Streets and Houses." President Lyman is the author of a simplified street and house numbering system which he will explain on that occasion.



## OF CURRENT INTEREST

**SALVAGING** operations on the *Lusitania*, scheduled to begin in April, will be filmed by Captain J. D. Craig, producer of several underwater motion pictures, it has been disclosed by Captain H. B. Russell, master of the salvage ship *Ophir*. It was the *Ophir* which discovered the famous wreck lying in 312 feet of water off the Old Head of Kinsdale, southern Ireland, in October, 1935. Ever since a German submarine's torpedo sent the *Lusitania* to the bottom in May, 1915, a mystery has surrounded the cargo she was carrying. It was reported that she was carrying a large quantity of bullion at the time, but, due to the secrecy which was observed concerning war cargoes, it has never been verified. Captain Craig will use a 5000 watt underwater lamp which has been specially constructed for him. The salvage operations are not expected to be completed until sometime in 1940.

**SINCE GALILEO** explained that the earth is not the centre of the universe, natural science has displayed a tendency to take the human race down a peg or two. Years ago it was not content merely with pointing out that men cannot fly under their own power as gracefully as birds, but it even insisted that human beings cannot jump as well as fleas. A flea, they argued, can jump nearly eight inches. If it were as big as a man, it would be able to leap 300 yards. But now at last the stigma is removed. Dr. George P. Bidder of Cambridge has announced that in any jumping competition between men and fleas, fleas would get absolutely nowhere. Capacity for jumping, after all, does not vary with the size of the jumper. A cat can clear a six-foot-six wall, which is as much as a man can do, and very nearly as good a feat can be put up by a horse. The important thing about jumping, it appears, is the ratio between weight and surface area. A man weighs on the average about nine pounds for every square foot of body surface; the flea's record is

about one eighty-ninth of a pound. A flea which grew to the size of a man would still be able to jump only about eight inches.

**SUCCESS** is attending the efforts of Alberta, Canada's Social Credit Government in the placement of single unemployed men with farmers during the winter months. The Alberta Relief Commission places single men drawing relief with farmers who agree to board and lodge the men. In return, the men agree to help the farmer for a certain number of hours each day. The workers are paid £1 a month by the Dominion Government. Every worker who remains with his farmer until March will receive an additional ten shillings a month as a reward for "staying out" the winter. Latest reports state that the Alberta Government have placed 4,300 single men on farms under this plan.

**SHANGHAI** is the origin of a recent news report comparing China's railroad service with that of other nations. The story of the Tungkwang station-master illustrates that China's Generalissimo is striving to overcome the influences of centuries of sloth which he considers to be hampering China's competition with more modern nations. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek told the story in a speech which he delivered at the Railway Training Class graduating at Loyang Military Academy. The General said: "When I stepped from the train at Tungkwang and asked the station-master how long it would take to go to Loyang, he simply could not tell, as he neither took the trouble to remember it nor did he keep a time-table beside him for reference."

**ENGINEERS** worked overtime to tune up the French liner *Normandie*, which left Le Havre Wednesday, March 10th, at 4 p.m., in an attempt to win back the Atlantic blue riband from the *Queen Mary*. Besides a number of technical adjustments, the *Normandie* was fitted with four new propellers.

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Release—

Sister Dorothy L. Shorrock, of Blackburn Branch, who has laboured as a lady missionary on circuit for the past four months, was honourably released on February 27th.

### Transfer—

Elder Ferrell K. Walker was transferred from Bristol District to Birmingham District on February 27th.

### Doings in the Districts—

**LIVERPOOL**—A Wigan Branch social and supper was conducted by Branch President Norman H. Rickard in the home of Sister Madeline Ellison on Wednesday, February 24th. During the evening, prizes were won by Brothers Horace Heyes, Frank Brindle, John Ellison, and Sister Frances Rickard.

**LONDON**—On Sunday, February 28th, conference was conducted at 21, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham, S.E.13, by Elder Donald P. Fowler. Many members and friends attended and speakers were Sisters Marie Waldram and May Gardner, lady missionaries, Elders Christian J. Draayer, Dean W. Francis, and District President Andre K. Anastasiou.

In Brighton Branch on Sunday, February 28th, Sister Rose G. Stevens was released from her position of Branch Clerk with a hearty vote of thanks. Sister Ethel Faith Mitchell was sustained by the members and set apart during the evening service by Elder John F. Kimball and President Edmund W. Wheatly as Branch Clerk to succeed Sister Stevens.

The first baptismal service to be held in the new font at Southwest London Branch Chapel was conducted Thursday, March 4th, with District President Andre K. Anastasiou in charge. The following were bap-

tized and confirmed: Eleanor Maud Dennis, baptized by Elder Donald P. Fowler, and confirmed by Elder Christian J. Draayer; Mark Wilcox Cannon, baptized by President Joseph J. Cannon and confirmed by President Richard R. Lyman; Arthur Ashlin Butler, baptized by Elder Adrian W. Cannon and confirmed by Elder Richard S. Tanner; Frederick Walter Russell, baptized by Elder Edmund M. Evans and confirmed by Supervising Elder Alma J. Larkin, Sr.; and Melvin Lawrence Burgess, baptized by Brother James N. McQueen and confirmed by President Cannon.

**MANCHESTER** — Elders Blaine D. Fisher and Russell S. Marriott gave the illustrated lecture "Down Pioneer Trails" before members of the Progress World Friendship Club, Ashton division, on Wednesday, February 24th.

**NOTTINGHAM**—Members of Eastwood Branch Sunday School held a social in the Branch hall Thursday, February 18th, under the direction of Sister Annie Wild, superintendent.

**SHEFFIELD**—Brothers John Snow, John Ianson-Holton, Jr., Sisters Olive Snow and Muriel Ianson-Holton were winners of the preliminary competition held in Rawmarsh Branch Saturday, February 27th, and will therefore represent their branch at the District Speech and Musical Festival which is forthcoming. On Wednesday, March 3rd, a supper was sponsored by the Rawmarsh Branch Gleaner Girls.

**WELSH**—More than 100 members and friends attended the supper and dance in the new Merthyr Tydfil Branch Chapel Tuesday, February 23rd, under the direction of Brother William Davis. Sister Ellen Price and members of the Branch Relief Society prepared the supper.

## DEATH

**MIDDLETON**—A funeral service for Brother John Thomas Middleton, oldest member of Sunderland Branch, Newcastle District, who died February 15th, was held Thursday,

February 18th, under the direction of Elder La Grande Stephens. Elder Grant E. Blanch dedicated the grave. Interment took place in Southwick Cemetery.

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